(*d*) is there water in that canal now;
(*e*) if so, what is the depth of the water now;
(*f*) if there is no water when was it dried up;
(*g*) which is the source of water for this canal;
(*h*) is there water at its source now;
(*i*) if not when was the source dried up?

Mr. Parambi Loanppen *(Minister for Rural Development):*
(*a*) Valiathodu (with Kunan's bridge across it).
(*b*) Survey Nos. 435 and 452 of Porkulam village.
(*c*) About 1 mile length, 15' to 20' width and 3'—6' depth varying.
(*d*) Yes.
(*e*) 3 feet average depth of water.
(*f*) Does not arise in view of answer to sub-division (*d*).
(*g*) From Kallazhikunnu chola (കല്ലഴിക്കുന്നു ചാല)
(*h*) Yes.
(*i*) Does not arise in view of answer to sub-division (*h*).

Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* Will there be water throughout the year?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* There may not be water throughout the year.

Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* For how many months there will not be water?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* I am not able to answer now.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* What are the months during which there will be no water?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* During the summer months.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* That is the time when there will not be water in those places.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

RESTRICTION ON PUBLIC MEETINGS AND PROCESSIONS

7. **Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan** *(Urakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—
(*a*) when was the ban on public meetings and processions withdrawn within the limits of the Anthikad Police Station;
(*b*) have the Government got any information as to who conducted the first public meeting and procession within those limits after that date;
(*c*) was there any instruction issued by the authorities requiring the Police to attend public meetings in uniform within that area since that date;
(*d*) was the first meeting after the lifting of the ban attended by a Police Inspector and a constable in uniform;
(*e*) if the answer to the above is in affirmative, is such practice going to be continued in that area hereafter?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):*
(*a*) On 29th August 1945/13th Chingam 1121.
(*b*) The first public meeting and procession after the above date were conducted by the "Prajamandalam."
(*c*) No.
(*d*) Yes.
(*e*) No definite statement of policy is possible. It will vary according to circumstances.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Urakam):* May I know if in view of the answer to sub-division (e) it was not improper for the officers to attend the meetings in uniform?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No, Sir.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether the Government would be pleased to instruct the Police Authority to attend such meetings in mufti?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Government do not think that the Police attending meetings in uniform is a dereliction of duty.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I only enquire of the Government whether it will be possible for them to instruct the Police Officers to attend in mufti? It will serve the purpose.

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Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Government do not think that such instructions are necessary.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Was it with a purpose that they went there?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Surely.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Urakam):* Police Officers in uniform attending meetings in such rural areas will have detrimental effect on the public who wish to attend such meetings.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No, Sir.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* The fear of uniform would scare away the audience.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Government do not think that the uniform scares away anybody.

Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know, Sir, whether there was an order that Policemen should attend such meetings?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Urakam):* Whether the Police Officer attended a committee meeting conducted in a private house.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Urakam):* Will Government be pleased to order that Police Officers should not try to attend meetings held in private houses?

Mr. President: Order, order. This question has reference to public meetings.

HOLDING OF PUBLIC MEETINGS—PREMISSION FOR

8. **Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan** *(Urakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many applications were received by authorities in 1119 and 1120 for permission for the holding of public meetings;

(*b*) who were the applicants for permission;

(*c*) how many of such meetings were of a political nature;

(*d*) how many applications were rejected;

(*e*) what were the grounds for their rejection;

(*f*) how many of the sanctioned meetings were of a political character?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) 269 in 1119 and
230 in 1120.

(*b*) The Government do not consider it expedient to publish the names of all the applicants.

(*c*) 12 in 1119 and
6 in 1120.

(*d*) 13 in 1119 and
6 in 1120.

(*e*) Due to apprehension of breach of peace if the meeting was held or for security reasons.

(*f*) Nil.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Urakam):* May I know if I can infer that no political meetings at all was allowed to be conducted in this State during these years?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes. It might be so.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Urakam):* Among the applicants for holding public meetings there was one Deseeya Mahila Samajam of Elangunnapuzha. Was the Samajam given permission?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Urakam):* May I know whether the Government think that such meetings by Mahila Samajams will endanger public peace?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* This is all proving into some past events. The ban has already been lifted.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM IN THE STATE

9. **Mr. M. K. Raja** *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what progress has been made about the proposal to establish an Archaeological Museum in the State;

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